

## Assembly

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Rural Development**

##### **Assembly Bill 344**

Relating to: telephone company tax exemption for property used to provide broadband service.

By Representatives Quinn, Ballweg, Edming, Kitchens, Krug, Kulp, Kurtz, Mursau, Oldenburg, Petryk, Plumer, Pronschinske, Snyder, Spiros, Stafsholt, Summerfield, Swearingen, Tauchen, Tranel, Tusler, VanderMeer, Zimmerman, Dittrich, Horlacher, James, Katsma, Murphy, Novak and Sortwell; cosponsored by Senators Marklein, Testin, Bernier, Feyen and Petrowski.

July 24, 2019                      Referred to Committee on Rural Development

September 05, 2019    **Public Hearing Held**

Present:     (7)     Representative VanderMeer; Representatives Quinn, Oldenburg, Pronschinske, Plumer, Vruwink and Considine.

Absent:      (0)     None.

Excused:    (5)     Representatives Kulp, Novak, Kurtz, Milroy and Gruszynski.

##### Appearances For

- Bill Esbeck - Wisconsin State Telecommunications Association
- Eric Pelle - Mosaic Telecom
- Domenico Fornaro - Mosaic Telecom
- Larry Lueck - Nsight
- Jean Pauk - TDS Telecom

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

##### Registrations For

- Bill McClenahan - Access Wisconsin
- John Jacobson - Wisconsin Property Taxpayers, Inc.
- Steve Lyons - Wisconsin Technology Council
- Rob Richard - WI Electric Cooperative Association
- Brian Dake - Wisconsin Independent Businesses
- Andrew Schriener - CenturyLink

- Michael Welsh - Wisconsin Economic Development Association

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

September 19, 2019 **Executive Session Held**

Present: (11) Representative VanderMeer; Representatives Kulp, Novak, Quinn, Oldenburg, Pronschinske, Plumer, Vruwink, Milroy, Considine and Gruszynski.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (1) Representative Kurtz.

Moved by Representative Kulp, seconded by Representative Plumer that **Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (11) Representative VanderMeer; Representatives Kulp, Novak, Quinn, Oldenburg, Pronschinske, Plumer, Vruwink, Milroy, Considine and Gruszynski.

Noes: (0) None.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION  
RECOMMENDED, Ayes 11, Noes 0

Moved by Representative Pronschinske, seconded by Representative Oldenburg that **Assembly Bill 344** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (11) Representative VanderMeer; Representatives Kulp, Novak, Quinn, Oldenburg, Pronschinske, Plumer, Vruwink, Milroy, Considine and Gruszynski.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 11, Noes 0

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Jesse Johnson  
Committee Clerk